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SUBJ: CURRENT PRICE FOR TUNISIAN CRUDE

ACCORDING AMERICAN PETROLEUM COMPANY OFFICIAL, PRICE FOR HIGH QUALITY TUNISIAN CRUDE EXPORTED FROM LA SKHIRA NOW APPROXIMATELY \$11.50 PER BARREL. EXPORTS PRICE AFTER JUNE 30 MAY FALL BELOW THAT FIGURE. HE SAID HE ALSO UNDERSTOOD THAT TUNISIA HAS NOT BEEN ABLE DISPOSE OF ENTIRE QUANTITIES AVAILABLE FOR SECON QUARTER 75. SOURCE ALSO REPORTED THAT FRENCH COMPANIES ERAP/AQUITAINE HAVING DIFFICULTY DISPOSING OF SMALL QUANTITY LOWER QUALITY CRUDE (1 PER CENT SULPHUR, 31 DEGREES API GRAVITY) FROM OFFSHORE ASHTART FIELD SURPLUS TO ERAP/AQUITAINE NEEDS. PRICE NEEDED TO MOVE THIS CRUDE APPEARS TO BE BELOW \$10.00 PER BARREL. ASHTART PRODUCTION VARIES FROM 40,000 - 50,000 BPD. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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